

Hello members of the Judiciary Committee, My name is Cody Roberts I am hear to testify in strong opposition to Senate Bill 1085 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION OF THE RETAIL SALE AND POSSESSION OF CANNABIS AND CONCERNING ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS IN THE CASE OF CONVICTIONS BASED ON THE POSSESSION OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF

CANNABIS. Being 1 of 30,000 plus registered medical Cannabis patients in the state of CT, I am noticing numerous amounts of complaints from 9 out of 10 patients I speak with. Mentioning the frustration behind not being able to purchase the same variety , due to the shortage from the growers! The four growers can not simply keep up with the demand of our patients, and now this bill wants to allow them to grow for the recreational Market, while supplying the current dispensaries we have with an additional 9 more coming....? Again, let me remind you they already can not keep up with the demand despite the lies, the four growers and the lobbyists they pay tell you. Can you imagine suffering from epilepsy finally finding a variety that works for you and not being able to get it the next week or month ? The one medicine that finally stopped your seizure! So now patients with epilepsy have to suffer with having seizures until the four Growers decide to grow that variety again for example! This is wrong and can not keep happening . The solution is Grow Rights for people 21 years of age or older! It's that simple.

Besides the fact the government owns a patent #6630507 which states. Cannabis has medicinal value and yet still scheduleing it as a schedule 1 drug, Meaning no Medicinal value is completely hypocritical! It is our Human Right to grow our own medicine and heal ourselves with it! To regulate or not allow such, you automatically turn our rights into privileges! We can not allow this to happen. We as a state have an opportunity to do legalization better than any other state due to the feet dragging Connecticut has already done. We can look at other states and come up with a bill that is not only built with Compassion , Equity, and Morals. But also built with a drive to help CT get out of it's deficit and make CT Healthy again. there is a 21 percent decrease in opiate related deaths and overdoses with states that legalized.

With talk of legalization comes talk of a Cannabis Control Commission. to help with the regulations, application, and what have you's. The Cannabis Control Commission board members must include expert that have worked in the cannabis industry and or at bare minimum have been an active activist in the state of CT. What good is a bunch of people who know nothing about cannabis filling The Cannabis Controll Commission board? We want progression not more wasted time and money spent trying to figure things out people already have the answers to.

The are many red flags in this bill I would be more than happy to continuing talking to you guys with. That being said I want to make sure I leave you with this.

I will not support any legalization bill that does not include Grow Rights, Equity Programs ,and Expungement of Cannabis Convictions. Thank you for allowing me to speak please feel free to contact me via email!

Peace and Love

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